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## AARA Christmas Party ~ December 6, 2018

This month's general meeting was held in conjunction with the club's annual Christmas Banquet. It was held at the Golden Corral restaurant with approximately 40 people in attendance.

Club President Chris Ancelet N5MCY conducted the meeting and congratulated everyone on a successful year of club activities and thanked them for their support. Among those activities were the annual hamfest, support for the Tour de Teche canoe race, and the Tabasco Sauce Anniversary and Veterans Day Special Events. Chris also encouraged all members to be extra safe while conducting holiday activities and particularly while traveling during the holidays.

Drawings were held for various door prizes that were donated by the club. Door prize winners were: James Romero - K5CNU, Brandon Stelly – KG5LQM, Melissa Cearley - W5MLC and Michael Cavell - KI5ARX.

Prepared by David McCutcheon



### ***AARA GENERAL MEETING***

***January 3, 2019 @ 7:00 PM***

***Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA***

***[www.w5ddl.org/clubsites/](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsites/)***

***VE Testing @ 6:00 PM***

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**DATES TO REMEMBER****GENERAL MEETING**

*January 3, 2018 @ 7:00 PM  
Lafayette Science Museum  
433 Jefferson Street  
Lafayette, LA*

<http://www.w5dll.org/clubsites/>  
**Local 2-Meter Nets**  
**Monday**

*AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

**Tuesday**

*Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

**Wednesday**

*Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM  
145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA*

**Thursday**

*Youth Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA  
EchoLink Node: 370324*

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**Cecil Harper W5CQG / WR5Y - Silent Key**

I just saw this post by Mark Hargrove this morning: *posted Dec. 7, 2018*

It's with great regret I have received word that Cecil Harper has passed away. He was a good friend that always had a smile and a story to tell. He was a ham and gave a lot to the hobby. He was also very active in his church as well. He will be missed. **RIP Mr. Cecil Harper**

Even though Cecil had been sick he did his best to help all he could with ARES not only in Region 6 but statewide. Cecil will be missed. He had recently changed his call from W5CQG to WR5Y. Funeral arrangements are pending.

John Mark Robertson

K5JMR

LA Section Manager

*Below is from Cecil Harper's QRZ.COM Biography page:*

I am 73 years 'young' and have been licensed for 39 years. I am also retired from the Louisiana State Prison System. I was born and raised in Port Neches, Texas and graduated from Carlsbad High School in New Mexico. I worked at the Port Arthur, Texas Texaco Refinery for 13 years and transferred to Louisiana with Texaco. In 1986 I started working for the prison system where I later retired in 2004. I moved back to Texas and presently live here on Toledo Bend lake about 60 miles north of Jasper, Texas. I have been the Emergency Coordinator for Sabine Parish, Louisiana for the past ten years. That sure is an experience, but things seem to be going fine. I hope and pray it stays that way.

I am a Member of the A.R.R.L. (for 38 years) as well as a LIFE member, also a member of the Gulf States Hurricane Net on 3.935 MHz, and Gulf Coast Single Side-Band Net 3.925 MHz. as well as a Member of the Delta Side-Band Net 3.905 MHz. and the 3.957 MHz. Group. I belong to the Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, a Member of the W.C.L.A.R.C of Leesville and a Member of the A.R.C.S in Many, La. I am also on D-STAR (48-B). We have a net on Tuesday nights (7:30 local). Feel free to join us.

Around 5:30 am you most likely will find me on 3.957 Mhz. I'm usually there for about an hour. We have a good group of very nice people on the frequency from Louisiana, Texas, Alabama and Arkansas. Come on and join in.

**December 2018**



**VE TEST  
SESSION**

**Test Session Results  
6 December 2018**

***There are no test results for December 2019 as the club held their annual Christmas Party.***

**73, de Greg ~ K5LFT**



## **Polish the Brass: Straight Key Night is Just Ahead**



Every day is a good day to operate on CW, but set some time aside on New Year's Eve and into New Year's Day to enjoy Straight Key Night (SKN). The annual event begins at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2019 (New Year's Eve in US time zones). The 24-hour event is not a contest, but a day dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage.

Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply enjoy conversational CW contacts, preferably using a straight key (hand key) or a semi-automatic key (bug). Activity traditionally centers on CW segments in the HF bands. There are no points or obligatory exchange -- the only requirement is to have fun.

Send your SKN list of stations contacted and your votes for "Best Fist" and "Most Interesting QSO" by January 31.



From the Bowery Boys films

From McDonald's animal farm



**A letter from Paul K5VSH - 2018 Christmas Letter**  
**TO ALL**

Our 2018 Christmas Letter is as follows:

Kat and I are doing well, considering. Kat was placed in Hospice care in September. She has a very weak heart, COPD, and was diagnosed with lung cancer, though not 100% sure, since she was too weak for a biopsy to be taken. She has no pain and we are living day-to-day. I have a sitter that comes in three days a week to help us. I turned 74 in November and Kat 71 last March. I am still active and enjoy "Ham" Amateur Radio. We still enjoy work in our "above ground" vegetable plots, mainly tomatoes and herbs these days. I also still enjoy small wood working projects, etc. in my shop.

My mother is still living and active at 96 and doing well for her age. She still lives in Alexandria.

Kat's younger (and only) sister and sibling, Mary Jane Wager, had terminal Cancer, and passed last March. My two sisters, Rita Barton and Debbie Baker are doing well. They live in Alexandria. Bobbi, the wife of my deceased brother Pete, is also doing well and living in West Monroe.

We still enjoy RV'ing. We made trips to Natchez, MS for the Music Festival, to Vicksburg, MS to re-visit the battleground and take in a few museums. In addition, we made trips to Marksville, and Woodsworth doing genealogy work on my side of the family and to Tangipahoa Parish doing genealogy work on Kat's side of the family, to Toledo Bend, to South Texas to visit friends, and to Huntsville, AL to see the Space Flight and Veterans museums.

Our Daughter, Asahel (46), her husband Scott Barrilleaux and daughter Le'Le' (Leighton), now almost seven, and started 1st grade, are moving from Haltom, TX, outside of Ft. Worth back to the Lafayette, LA area. Scott has already secured a great job in Lafayette and it looks like Asahel may have also. We will be able to see both of them along with our granddaughter much more.

Our Son, Paul, Jr. (43), is still a bachelor. He is doing I.T. work and building his life. He lived in a small, mini-apartment that I built onto my shop earlier, but moved to his own residence in August.

Kat and I want to wish all of you a very safe, happy, holy and Blessed Christmas season.

Sincerely,

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## Now what?? by Joseph "Moe" Meaux

Keeping your ham radio and other equipment operational is extremely important in a bug-out or portable situation. How long can your equipment stay running in an emergency? Do you have a mobile unit attached in your vehicle? How long can it run for if you run out of fuel? If the electricity is not working because of a natural disaster, how will you charge batteries? The one answer to this is Solar Power and Storage.

People have been talking about Solar Power for their houses and businesses. Free energy from the sun that they can use, store, and even sell back to the power companies. But most of these systems are expensive, heavy, and stationary.

Since Solar Panels came onto the market about 1950, Eco-friendly people have been after them. Some states even provide enough tax credit back to make the systems pay for themselves with 5 or 6 years. Even our government is providing grants to help pay for them. But they still have the problems with weight and portability.

Recently the thin-film flexible solar panel have come onto the market. Now you can purchase a flexible, foldable panel that will provide you the electricity you need to operate your equipment. The price on these continue to go down, but for some they are still too expensive. But they are cheaper than adding solar power to your house.

There is a YouTube channel by Julian OH8STN which deals with being prepared for an emergency situation. It can be found at [Survival Tech North](#) and does a good job of trying to explain what is needed for emergencies. Being in Finland allows him to test equipment and atmospheric conditions in some harsh weather. No one pays him to do it. He tests what he buys. And what he makes. Julian packs his own equipment in his backpack or on his sled to go out in the wild to work the bands. Watching his videos and reading his blog teaches you a lot about portable ham radio.

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## January 31 is the Deadline to Submit ARRL Foundation Scholarship Applications

from ARRL.org 12-28-2018

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The ARRL Foundation Scholarship program will accept applications from eligible applicants until January 31, 2019. All applicants must be FCC-licensed radio amateurs, and many scholarships have other specific requirements, such as intended area of study, ARRL Division, Section or state, and license class. Applicants should review the scholarships and check off the ones for which they are eligible.

More information is on the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program page.

This year, the Foundation Board of Directors is offering several new scholarships. These include The Joel R. Miller (W7PDX) and Martha C. Miller STEM Scholarship, The East Coast Amateur Radio Service (ECARS) Scholarship, The Palomar Amateur Radio Club Scholarship, and The Dick Warren, K6OBS, Memorial Scholarship.

**December 2019 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS**

<b>NET</b>	<b>SESSIONS:</b>	<b>TOTAL CHECK-INS:</b>	<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC:</b>	<b>TOTAL TIME: Minutes</b>	<b>Net Manager</b>
<i>AARA Monday Night Net</i>	3	35		69	<i>KD5JSM Danny</i>
<i>Region 4 SkyWarn Net</i>	3	27		65	<i>N5MCY Chris</i>
<i>Silent Key Memorial Net</i>	3	33		50	<i>KD5JSM Danny</i>
<i>Thursday Night Net</i>		Temporarily Suspended			<i>K</i>

**To observe attentively is to remember distinctly.**

~~~ Edgar Allen Poe

**AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation**

Beginning January 1, 2018, the net will not rotate between repeaters but the Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate receiver will be the W5EXI repeater.

The January 2019 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| <b>DATE:</b> | <b>TIME:</b> | <b>REPEATER:</b> | <b>PL TONE:</b> | <b>NCS</b>   |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 01/07/2018   | 7:00 PM      | 146.820 W5DDL    | 103.5           | Danny KD5JSM |
| 01/14/2018   | 7:00 PM      | 146.820 W5DDL    | 103.5           | Paul N5KNY   |
| 01/21/2018   | 7:00 PM      | 146.820 W5DDL    | 103.5           | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 01/28/2018   | 7:00 PM      | 146.820 W5DDL    | 103.5           | Chris N5MCY  |

**REGION 4 SKYWARN NET**

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. The Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The January 2019 schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

|       |        |         |
|-------|--------|---------|
| 01/01 | K5QXJ  | Nick    |
| 01/03 | N5AUX  | Barbara |
| 01/03 | KE5UPM | Al      |
| 01/05 | AB5GI  | Erick   |
| 01/05 | W5AG   | Archie  |
| 01/06 | N5KNY  | Paul    |
| 01/10 | KE5IBM | Cheryl. |
| 01/12 | KG5KZP | Karl    |
| 01/15 | KG5MKY | William |
| 01/16 | K5CLE  | Charles |
| 01/24 | N5OB   | Dave    |
| 01/26 | N5MCY  | Chris   |
| 02/04 | KB5WI  | Weston  |
| 02/04 | N8PXE  | Jerry   |
| 02/06 | KG5YYL | Kenneth |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

## ARRL Petitions FCC to Incorporate Parity Act Provisions into its Amateur Radio Rules

12/19/2018 from the ARRL

The ARRL has filed a Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) asking the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to incorporate the provisions of the Amateur Radio Parity Act. The Petition has not yet been assigned a rule making (RM) number and is not yet open for public comment. In the past, the FCC has said that it would not take such action without guidance from the US Congress, but, as ARRL's Petition notes, the Congress "has overwhelmingly and consistently" offered bipartisan support for the Amateur Radio Parity Act.

"Private land use regulations which either prohibit or which do not accommodate the installation and maintenance of an effective outdoor antenna in residences of Amateur Service licensees are unquestionably the most significant and damaging impediments to Amateur Radio Service communications that exist now," ARRL said in its Petition. "They are already precluding opportunities for young people to become active in the avocation and to conduct technical self-training and participate in STEM [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics] learning activities inherent in an active, experiential learning environment. Without the relief in this Petition, the future of Amateur Radio is bleak indeed." The proposed amendments would have no effect on the FCC's limited preemption policy in §97.15(b), which pertains to state and municipal governing bodies, ARRL said.

Specifically, ARRL is proposing that the FCC amend Part 97 by adding a new subsection under §97.15, that prohibits and ceases the enforcement of, "Any private land use restriction, including restrictive covenants and regulations imposed by a community association," that either fails to permit a licensee to install and maintain an effective outdoor antenna capable of operation on all Amateur Radio frequency bands, on property under the exclusive use or control of the licensee; precludes or fails to permit Amateur Service communications, or which does not constitute the minimum practicable restriction on such communications to accomplish the lawful purposes specifically articulated in the declaration of covenants of a community association seeking to enforce such restriction. ARRL's proposed rule would not affect any existing antenna approved or installed before the effective date of a Report and Order resulting from ARRL's petition. The proposed provisions reflect the accommodation reached in the ultimate version of the Parity Act bill at the urging of federal lawmakers between ARRL and the Community Associations Institute (CAI), the only organization representing homeowners' associations. "That legislation was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives four separate times and has the support of the Senate Commerce Committee and the current Administration," ARRL stressed. "Private land use regulations are not 'contracts' in the sense that there is any meeting of the minds between the buyer and seller of land," ARRL said. "Rather, they are simply restrictions on the use of owned land, imposed by the developer of a subdivision by recordation in the land records of the jurisdiction when it is first created. They bind all lots in the subdivision. If an Amateur Radio licensee wants to buy a home in a subdivision burdened by deed restrictions, that licensee has precisely two options: Buy the residence subject to the restrictions, or do not buy the residence. There is no negotiation possible because the restrictions are already in place and cannot be waived by a seller in favor of a buyer."

ARRL noted in its Petition that an increasing number of homes available for purchase today are already subject to restrictive covenants prohibiting outdoor antennas, and that the Community Associations Institute data show that 90% of new housing starts in the US are subject to deed restrictions and other limitation that make installation of outdoor Amateur Radio antennas ineffective or impossible. Also, ARRL pointed out that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 gives the FCC jurisdiction "to preempt private land use regulations that conflict with federal policy and that private land use regulations are entitled to less deference than municipal regulations, because the former are premised solely on aesthetic considerations rather than safety issues, whereas municipal regulations are concerned with both." "It is now time for actual and functional parity in the Commissions regulations in order to protect the strong federal interest in Amateur Radio communications," ARRL said.

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*Share the Fun ~  
Bring a Friend  
to be a HAM.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**59<sup>th</sup> Acadiana Hamfest 2019**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> Friday & 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**Rayne, LA**

### **Pronto Pups – Corn Dogs**

|                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 lb. Hot dogs        | 4 Cups Vegetable Oil             |
| ½ Cup Flour           | ½ Cup Cornmeal                   |
| 1 tsp. Baking Powder  | ½ tsp. Salt                      |
| ½ tsp. Sugar          | 1 Tbs. cold Vegetable Shortening |
| 1/3 Cup Milk          | 1 Egg                            |
| 8 – 10 Wooden Skewers | Cornstarch for dusting           |

Bring 3 cups of water to boiling in a large saucepan. Add hot dogs and bring back to boiling. Remove from heat; cover 20 minutes.

Pour enough oil to a 2-inch depth in a skillet and heat to 375°F or use your deep fryer.

Combine flour, cornmeal, baking powder, salt, and sugar in a medium-size bowl and blend with a fork. Add shortening and **cut-in** with a fork until the size of small peas. Combine milk and egg in a 1-cup measure. Stir into flour-cornmeal mixture. Pour mixture into a tall glass. Remove hot dogs from water and dry with paper towels. Insert skewer into the hot dog, and be sure to leave a “handle”. Dust hot dog in cornstarch and dip hot dog into batter; let excess batter drip into glass. Drop into hot fat and fry for 2 minutes, or until golden brown. Fry only two at a time. Serve with yellow, prepared mustard.

### **FCC Information Service**

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

*[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)*

**FCC Website:**

*<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>*

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.*

*<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>*

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